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COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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Photo by John Perkins
Lyle Smith, known to listeners as "Late Night Lyle," hosts *The Morning After* on Revolution 91.7. Since its beginning on May 31, 2005, the show's listener base has grown to include fans from Louisville to Nashville and even via the internet from as far away as Japan.

Morning after, no regrets

Campus radio show draws world-wide audience

By ASHLEY MAINES • HERALD REPORTER

In a small room amid jumbled black cords, hanging speakers and hundreds of compact discs sit three giant radio personalities.

"Late Night Lyle," "Lunchbox" and "Ugly Joe" wake many Revolution 91.7 listeners each weekday morning with comedic sketches, famous guests and pop-culture jokes on their hit radio program, "The Morning After," which broadcasts 6 to 10

a.m. Revolution 91.7, Western's student-run radio station, is located on the third floor of Mass Media and Technology Hall.

"Late Night" Lyle Smith, a senior from Seattle, acts as host and coordinator. Carl "Lunchbox" Barclay, a senior from Evansville, Ind., is the comedic writer and Murray junior "Ugly" Joe Smith is the go-to man for ideas. The men have become familiar voices in homes and cars around Bowling Green since

the launch of the show on May 31. The show reaches as far as Japan, Holland, Sweden, Hawaii, Buenos Aires and Australia via the Internet.

Their three-minute news flashes, playful insults, fake foreign accents, cartoon mimics and impromptu conversations have made them one of the most talked-about morning shows in this area. Lyle Smith said.

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Bike path to hit Hill

Project will take 3 years

By ANDREW McNAMARA
Herald reporter

Lance Armstrong conquered bike trails in the Alps to win the Tour de France. Now Western students can battle the Hill with their own bike paths.

Western will help build a bike trail linking the campus to Bowling Green's proposed path, Project Manager Danny Simpson said. The Bowling Green path will wind through the city, connecting highlights of the area.

The purpose of the path is to offer drivers an alternate mode of transportation that is physically and environmentally beneficial, said Helen Siewers, coordinator of the Greenway Commission of Bowling Green.

The project is part of Warren County's 30-year, 400-mile greenway master plan that is designed to construct multi-use pathways across the county, Siewers said.

The Greenway Commission surveyed three groups of about 25 Western students and faculty who lived on campus, near campus and off campus.

According to the survey, everyone gave high ratings to using a bike path to get to parks and playgrounds, school and other recreation areas.

Members of the committee also hope this will reduce some of the parking problems because more people will ride to campus instead of drive, Siewers said.

The path will be a paved street about 10 feet wide that may include park benches and lighting if there is enough funding, Siewers said.

The project involving Western will be completed in three phases over three years, Siewers said.

The application for this project is being sent out this month and will hopefully get approval in June, which would allow the project to be sent for a bid in spring 2007, Siewers said.

The first phase would cost \$460,000, span 4.4 miles and go from Western to Natchter Elementary, Siewers said.

Phase two would cost \$300,000, stretching 2.2 miles from Mitch McConnell Park to Western, Siewers said.

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Mass retirement to come

Many state employees will go by 2009

By AMBER COULTER
Herald reporter

He's not quite sure, but golfing might be on the agenda for Bill Hanes when he retires.

Hanes, who is the executive director of Kentucky Employee Retirement Systems, said he will probably retire before 2009 with a mass exodus of state employees who will throw aside their keyboards and mops.

Many state employees, including some Western staff members, will likely retire by 2009, when state legislation offering increased retirement benefits ends, Human Resources Director Tony Glisson said.

Hanes predicted there will be many state employees retiring

early or on time to take advantage of retirement benefits.

"Every agency that is part of Kentucky will have a significant issue if they have senior employees," he said.

The legislation applies to about 1,000 Western staff members who belong to KERS instead of the Kentucky Teachers Retirement Systems or the Optional Retirement Plan, Glisson said. James McCaslin, Staff Council chairman and Glasgow campus coordinator, said there are about 1,540 staff members.

Employees who don't retire before the deadline could lose 15 to 30 percent of their retirement benefits, Hanes said.

"I don't think there will be many people, except the ones who really love their job and the masochists of the world, who will work through it to lose some of their retirement benefit," he said.

Staff members who can't retire before 2009 must work for about three years to get their expected benefits back to the same level as before, McCaslin said.

The theory behind encouraging retirement is that vacated positions will be combined or remain empty, saving the state money, Glisson said.

Hanes said state institution officials will take many different approaches to deal with the number of employees retiring, but many agency leaders will consolidate or eliminate vacated positions.

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Alumnus hits it big in Hollywood

Encourages students not to 'think small'

By JOEY LESLIE
Herald reporter

Ewan Leslie can't seem to get away from the hills.

The 1987 graduate worked his way from Western's Hill to a career in Beverly Hills, Calif., through internships, low-pay mail-room jobs and seizing opportune moments to slide more than his foot through the right doors.

Nearly 20 years after his graduation, Leslie's first produced screenplay, "She's the Man," is set to be released tomorrow. But this is only the latest accomplishment

made by the Western alumnus.

"I was really in a film culture at Western," Leslie said. "But I don't think I ever thought it was a possibility to get involved in movie production."

Leslie, who grew up in Nashville, said he thought he would end up working in the South, but fate took him out west.

"Don't think small just because you grew up in Kentucky or Tennessee or a small town," Leslie said. "It doesn't

mean you can't go bigger than that." The self-described movie buff got involved in the business after working for free on a movie set and reading scripts.

This unpaid work eventually led to a job in a leading talent agency in California after Leslie graduated from Pepperdine Law School. He later worked in an executive position at 20th Century Fox-based Fox 2000 and as Vice President of Production for John Wells Productions.

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Ewan Leslie

Hilltoppers get Healthy

By NINA BORKEN
Herald reporter

Students usually head to the Preston Center to work out or play sports.

But students flocked to Preston to sip blue machine; strawberry banana and mango smoothies and learn about their health during the fifth annual Healthy Days Fair on Tuesday.

The basketball courts of the Preston Center were a playground for the fair, which took place from 2 to 4 p.m. The gym held a variety of booths distributing information on health issues concerning college students.

The gym was full of students with backpacks slung over their shoulders as they trooped through the fair, observing different booths. Free items, like T-shirts, key chains and food, attracted many students to the event.

The free food was popular as well. Dining services offered healthy food options, including the smoothies, chicken and vegetables cooked in vegetable-based oils and oatmeal. The smoothies will be offered in dining facilities on campus.

Spring break was the fair's theme, with items like sun block and a derma scan, a machine that detects sun damage on a person's face, offered to help dodge the sun, said Kathryn Seward, coordinator of Health Services.

Information about tobacco, alcohol and safe sex were also a part of the event.

"We want the students to gain good information about the services on campus," Seward said. "A lot of times students don't realize the resources that are available on campus."

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See you on the flip side
The Herald will not publish the
Thursday after spring break. We'll
be back on Thursday.



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By the numbers

1999

Year the Pennsylvania senate attempted to adopt the chocolate chip cookie as the official state cookie.

2003

Year the senate tried to adopt the cookie again, but the bill was tabled after the house spoke out in favor of the sugar cookie.

Source: whataskingsenators.net/HistoryCookieHistory.htm

WHAT'S GOING ON

- Final presentation of Ring World 2, 7:30 p.m. today, Hardin Planetarium
- University Senate meeting, 3:30 p.m. today, Garrett Ballroom
- Basic computer class, 1-3 p.m. March 20-21 and 27-28, Glasgow Campus, room 163, contact Carl Dillard with Baren County Adult Education at 270-678-4004 for more information
- Crime Stoppers breakfast, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, DUC
- Blue Apple Players present "The Ugly Duckling," 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. March 24, Van Meter Auditorium
- Southern Kentucky Regional Science Fair, March 25, community college
- Spring Break, March 20-24

a thousand words

Beyond the Hill

"You want me to hold you? Will that make you feel better?" Heather

Kessler of Bowling Green asks her 3-year-old daughter.

Sarah Kessler and her twin sister Emily were born on November 11, 2002, 10 weeks premature. They were monoamniotic twins, which means that as fetuses they shared the same embryonic sac.

When Heather Kessler found this out, the twins found out that there was a 50-percent chance her children would both live. She moved into Centennial Hospital in Nashville at 25 weeks because they had a good success rate with monoamniotic deliveries in the past.

The twins were supposed to be a planned cesarean section, but they had to be delivered sooner than anticipated. Sarah's heart rate dropped from the normal 140 beats per minute to 60 beats per minute and would not come back up.

When her heart rate dropped, Sarah's blood went into Emily in what is called a twin-to-twin transfusion, which caused some brain damage.

"I had two OBGYNs and one of them was stuck in traffic in South Nashville, and the other one was in the parking lot, he rushed back up the stairs and delivered the girls



immediately," Heather said.

The twins spent their first 77 days in the hospital. When they finally came home, they were developmentally behind. They didn't start walking until they were 16 months old.

"I knew something wasn't right with Sarah but everyone just said she was behind because she was born premature," Heather said.

But in September 2004, when she searched online for low muscle growth and other symptoms Sarah had, she discovered hypotonic cerebral palsy. When she took Sarah to see a neurologist, they confirmed it.

Hypotonic cerebral palsy means that her muscles are loose rather than tight. Sarah also has epilepsy and is still struggling to catch up to

her sister developmentally.

"She has trouble speaking sometimes, but she's really using her words well now. For a while we thought she wasn't going to speak at all," Heather said.

Taylor Hayden is a sophomore photojournalism major from Dewitt, Mich. She can be reached at taylorhayden@wku.edu.

Crime reports

Reports

◆ Brent C. Cary, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on March 14 a theft after his 1997 Yamaha moped was stolen from a bike rack in front of facilities management. The value of the theft was \$500.

◆ Joe L. Keith, facilities management, reported on March 12 criminal mischief in the first degree after someone dropped seven 40-pound bags of mulch onto a facilities management 1988 Dodge Dakota from the PSI. The bags caved in the roof of the truck and damaged a box of tools in the back. The value of the damage was \$3,000.

◆ Christopher S. Pendleton,

Bates-Rumore Hall, reported on March 12 criminal mischief in the third degree after the rear windshield of his 1998 Ford Mustang was broken while parked on the sixth level of the PSI. The value of the damage was \$400.

◆ Paul R. Buhrmester, Southwest Hall, reported on March 11 criminal mischief in the third degree after someone broke into his 1993 Ford Ranger while it was parked on the sixth level of the PSI and stole eight bags of top soil. The value of the damage and stolen property was \$438.

◆ Riley J. Rios, McCormack Hall, reported on

March 10 a burglary in the second degree after someone stole his iPod and \$60 from his wallet in his dorm room. The value of the theft was \$360.

◆ Christopher B. Odell, Maplemere Avenue, reported on March 10 a theft after his backpack, music appreciation book and two cultural diversity books were stolen from his 1992 Jeep Wrangler while parked in the Mimosa lot. The value of the theft was \$200.

◆ Rachel C. Strickland, Minton, reported on March 12 criminal mischief in the third degree after someone broke the driver's side mirror of her 2000 Ford Escort while

parked on the sixth floor of the PSI. The value of the damage was \$300.

◆ Mindy R. Keeling, McLean Hall, reported on March 12 criminal mischief in the third degree after the passenger's side mirror on her 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse was broken while parked on the sixth floor of the PSI. The value of the damage was \$300.

◆ Cameron J. Mason, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported on March 10 a theft after his Air Jordan shoes and phone were stolen from the Preston Center locker. The value of the theft was \$415.

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Clearing the air

◆ Due to a Herald error, Ieva Balcus' coach was incorrectly identified. He was Balcus' tennis club coach. The Herald regrets the error.

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William Albert Allard presents work that he photographed for National Geographic magazine Tuesday night in DUC Auditorium. Allard has had a career with the magazine spanning four decades.

Allard: Take photos with passion

BY SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

A picture of a young Hutterite girl staring directly into an unseen camera was one of many photographs by William Allard that Western students, faculty and community members saw earlier this week. "I loved to take her picture, and she loved for me to take it," said Allard, a photographer for National Geographic magazine. "But she never asked to see them, which I thought was funny."

Allard spoke to a packed auditorium in DUC Theater Tuesday night about his experiences as a photojournalist.

The young girl, Caroline, is one of many Hutterite people photographed by Allard for the June issue of National Geographic.

According to Allard, the Hutterites are a group of people who live a communal lifestyle. Allard has been forging a

friendship with a Hutterite community in Montana since 1969.

Allard spoke mostly about life in the community while displaying photographs of the group. He used vivid photographs and narratives to describe the community members.

Allard is an asset to Western photojournalism students because of his storytelling talents, said Jennie Adams-Smith, assistant photojournalism professor and coordinator of the event.

Allard also showed a brief slideshow of his lesser-known photographs. Allard said he's mostly known for masculine photos, so he decided to show some female photo subjects.

The short slideshow, "Her Picture in a Frame," showcased women from many different cultures.

Allard answered audience questions after the presentation, which Louisville junior Sara Zocklein said was the most beneficial part of the lecture.

It was during the question-and-answer session that Allard spoke about life as a photojournalist and gave advice to students pursuing the career.

"In all honesty, it's not a pretty picture out there," Allard said of photojournalism's future.

He said students need to take photos with a real passion because the business is getting tougher.

Photography is "easy to do, but it's not easy to be good," he said.

Zocklein said she liked the advice Allard gave photojournalists because it was pretty powerful to hear someone with experience give advice about her field.

"If I could wish you one thing, it would be that you find something to do that you truly love to do," Allard said.

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EDITORIAL

Web posting dangers

Online communities like facebook.com can have negative impacts on students

New technology has allowed students to join online communities like facebook.com, myspace.com, and numerous internet blogs.

These sites give students the opportunity to have a virtual world on their computer screens. Messages, pictures, clubs and all kinds of interaction take place on these Web sites, allowing students to connect with other students from around the world.

But this new virtual world can pose risks to students who don't take precautions.

Students are not the only viewers of online communities and blogs. Content put on the Internet is available for the whole world to see.

Administrators are warning students to be cautious in what they post on the Internet. Employers research potential hires and sometimes check online for records.

A picture of a student passed out on a couch in front of a stack of empty beer cans does not put the student in the best light.

But losing a job opportunity isn't the only

consequence of careless posting.

Students at Northern Kentucky University learned the hard way that criminal charges can result from content on the Web.

Four students were charged with violating the university code of conduct after another student gave administrators photos from Facebook showing dorm residents drinking from a keg in their rooms.

The students had to pay \$50 and attend a four-hour alcohol awareness course.

Identity theft is also a danger that sometimes results from information provided in these online communities.

Students are putting personal information on profiles which include addresses, cell phone numbers and screen names.

With spring break next week, it's good to remind students to be careful which vacation pictures they post on the Web.

These online communities can be fun and connect people from all over the world. But students need to play it safe and keep some of these negative aspects in mind.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member board of student editors.

WHEN WILL I KNOW
SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS POSITION?

AFTER I
CHECK YOUR
FACEBOOK.



These are the Herald's views on the good, the bad and the slightly unattractive

TOPS
&
Bottoms



Hooyay for the SGA
president elections.
Elections are usually
interesting.



Boo to the lack of
candidates running for
SGA senate positions.
Students need to get
involved.



Tops to spring break
being next week. And
for some it has already
started.



Boo to the NCAA
Tournament Committee
stomping the Lady
Toppers. They deserve
better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prejudice still exists on campus

It has been 100 years since Western Kentucky University was established. Apparently, we still have one of the most ancient problems within a U.S. institution, which is prejudice.

Somebody needs to tell Wes Watt about some things regarding his opinion. First, assuming that the group of people mentioned in the article is of Middle Eastern descent is quite a blow to the Middle Eastern community, which has experienced massive discrimination in the wake of 9/11.

Second, any person, regardless of culture, can be rude and untrustworthy. There is no culture that teaches you to walk away from a \$200 bill.

Third, the international community members that live in Bowling Green are here because they love it. They have the option to live in so many other places in the world, yet they chose to live in this beautiful south-central Kentucky city.

What we have had to adjust to with the American land is more than having gravy on your fries. Struggles we face include having to master American English with a complicated southern dialect.

Then we also have to learn about southern customs, food and the level of aggressive sports.

Fourth, almost every country in the world has ATM machines with the option for English regardless of their native language.

It is a great irony that Wes Watt is a senior at WKU, a university that boasts of such great cultural diversity, yet he holds these opinions.

Krishnamurti Murnadi
graduate student
Jakarta, Indonesia

Commentary was right on track

Mr. Watt, I thought your article on the Middle Easterners was

incredibly appropriate and well-written. You covered all ground and did not leave room for criticism. Even Justin Shepherd's worst remark was "get over yourself."

My problem, however, is with people like Justin Shepherd. Americans have a reputation of being ignorant and rude in other countries because they do not try to take in the culture; they want to be American in non-American places. But when foreigners come to America, accusations fall on Americans again for being ignorant and expecting them to adapt to our culture.

It is an incredible double standard. I am an International Relations major, and I love learning about new cultures. But when foreigners do not effectively communicate what they want and become rude to the point of walking out on their check, it becomes a bit ridiculous.

If you expect an American to act courteously overseas and to try to take in the culture, then it should be mutually expected that foreigners try to do the same here.

Joshua Smith
sophomore
Beane, N.C.

Club owner cares about patrons

My name is Craig Eversoll and I am the owner and operator of the three largest nightclubs in Bowling Green. I recently read an article in the February 16 edition of the Herald titled "Cab chase a problem." The report was informative; however, it failed to mention a service that my nightclubs have been offering for the last four years.

The Designated Driver (DD) is a bus which will seat up to 16 passengers. The bus provides rides to and from The Brewing Company, The Deuce, Goodyear's 2 and Motor City Bar & Grill. The DD has a dedicated phone and can be called the same as a cab. Patrons can be picked up anywhere in the

Bowling Green city limits and transported to any of the clubs or the restaurant. In addition, at the end of the night they will be returned home safely.

The DD is not only for convenience, but also for safety. Customers will no longer be driving under the influence of alcohol not to mention staying LEGAL.

The DD is a free service offered as an added bonus for the patrons of my nightclubs. They are also able to save money on expensive cab fares by using this service. I truly care about my customers and attempt to offer them best service. I wanted to make sure the students are aware of this service and are able to utilize it.

Craig Eversoll
Bowling Green

Campus should be smoke free

I am hoping that our campus will truly go smoke-free one day soon. On Thursday, March 8 I had an asthma attack while at work. I am fortunate to have a physician who will treat my attacks in her office, which saves me from having to go to the emergency room.

As I was leaving to go to my physician's office, I had to walk through a crowd of smokers as I was leaving the Academic Complex. I had to have two injections of adrenaline and a steroid shot to open my airways.

I use a nebulizer daily and take many precautions to prevent asthma attacks. I am asking you, the smokers, to please not stand by the doorway to smoke. Cigarette smoke simply causes my airways to constrict. Please allow me to breathe.

Carla Bohannon
university employee
Bowling Green

COMMENTARY

Genocide is a major problem



by Sam McFarland

The "Living On" Holocaust exhibit, now on campus, is compelling. I hope every student and faculty member will go see at least some of the portraits and read some of the stories of these Holocaust survivors. But why? Genocides happen all the time.

At this time, a major genocide, or mass killing, has been underway in Darfur, a Texas-size region of Western Sudan, for about three years. Attacks by the janjaweed "civil horsemen," backed by the Sudanese government, have destroyed 90% of the tribal villages.

Whole villages have been slaughtered. Bodies have been dumped in wells, poisoning the groundwater. Adding hunger and disease, perhaps 400,000 have died. Approximately 7,000 are still dying each month.

While attacks are continuing, most

deaths now are from malnutrition and disease. More than 2 million are in squalid refugee camps or have fled to neighboring Chad. The janjaweed are now attacking these camps.

Mourning the Nazi Holocaust victims is an American pastime. It is right that we do so, and right that we condemn the Nazi savagery. But why aren't we interested in turning that mourning and condemnation into preventing genocides and stopping them while they are happening?

In 1994, the Clinton administration wouldn't call the Rwandan killings a genocide, even though at least 800,000 were killed in just 100 days. If the administration had used the word "genocide," it would have had to try to end it.

Last year, ABC, NBC and CBS spent just 18 minutes on the Darfur genocide on their evening newscast. That's all three networks lost, and for the whole year!

Fox did no better. No wonder we don't care.

So please go see the "Living On" exhibit. But then connect that with the present. Call or write the White House and both your senators and urge them to do more to end the genocide happening now.

Following the Rwandan genocide, Sen. Paul Simon said, "If every member of the House and Senate had received 100 letters from people back home telling us we have to do something about Rwanda,

when the crisis was first developing, then I think the response would have been different."

What can America do? The United States won't send troops, but can still do a lot. The small force of African Union peacekeepers now in Darfur is undermanned and overwhelmed, desperately short of troops and supplies. The United States, along with other nations, can provide transport and material for these peacekeepers so they can enlarge their numbers and perhaps keep the peace.

This month, the United States chairs the U.N. Security Council. To spur the Security Council to action, our Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, could take its 15 members on a field trip to Darfur to see the suffering up close.

We are not helpless in the face of genocide. It is just a matter of how much we care, of how willing we are to connect the "Living On" exhibit with the genocides of our own times.

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Faculty and staff

Western employees volunteer in community

BY ANDREW
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Herald reporter

Even though Susan Morgan teaches high school chemistry, her lesson plan reads like a college syllabus.

During the summer, Morgan attends a two-day training session in Thompson Complex North Wing to learn how to teach an advanced chemistry course to her students.

The training session is free because Associate Professor Larry Byrd volunteers for the program.

"Without Dr. Byrd, this program wouldn't be possible," Morgan said. "He organizes pretty much everything, and whatever we need he can make appear — he's like a magician."

Faculty members are volun-

teering to share their knowledge and resources in the community to fulfill an evaluation requirement.

Faculty are evaluated annually on research, teaching and service, said John Petersen, vice president of academic affairs.

The service requirement can vary from serving on a committee within their department to sharing research with a business or government agency, Petersen said.

There is no set amount of hours a faculty member is supposed to serve or volunteer, Petersen said.

Yet a number of faculty members have volunteered to share their skills within the community of Bowling Green, Petersen said.

Some of the faculty have lent their skills to protect the envi-

ronment and organize a school's yearbook.

Associate Biology Professor Ouida Meier organized and trained a group of volunteers to analyze water samples from the Green River Basin Water Shed.

"Part of the reason I do science in the first place is to effect change and help people," Meier said.

The group of about 100 volunteers check for bacteria, viruses and pollutants in the Green River at about 90 to 100 cities, Meier said.

Volunteers dip four pre-labeled, sterilized bottles into the river to gather water and test for a few things like pH and dissolved oxygen before sending them to the Kentucky Division of Water, Meier said.

Meier said she began this project in 2000 to help the

Division of Water monitor the Green River more effectively.

The division can only monitor about 17 percent of the area, Meier said.

High school juniors and seniors in 14 different schools around Kentucky are getting a head start on college chemistry because of one Western professor's volunteering efforts.

Byrd has been tutoring high school chemistry instructors since 1986.

The high school students are taught the same material as college students taking chemistry 105 to 108, Byrd said.

The students use the same books and attempt to use the same labs as a student enrolled at Western, and all the materials are provided by Western, Byrd said.

Byrd said he decided to vol-

unteer because a number of the schools were underfunded and a lot of students were coming in unprepared for college chemistry.

Students taking part in the advanced class have to pay a fee, but they can earn as much as eight hours of college credit, Byrd said.

"It turns them into chemistry early in their education and we are now getting silver-qualified students enrolling in chemistry," Byrd said.

Byrd said he was happy with the response he has received from students and teachers who were more than happy to have the help.

"A number of times I have gotten feedback from teachers who were so glad to have someone there to help or guide them because they are the only sci-

ence teacher in the whole school," Byrd said.

At McNeil Elementary School, the students may not be old enough to work a camera, but they will still have a professional yearbook.

Associate Photojournalism professor Tim Brockema has volunteered to shoot and lay out the yearbook for McNeil Elementary.

Brockema said he has spent countless hours working on the project, but it is more than happy to work on it because he enjoys what he does.

"A good teacher doesn't hold knowledge back, they share it to help all of those around them," he said.

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BIKE: Western gets path

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There will also be a 0.8-mile loop up Avenue of Champions and College Heights Boulevard and around the Kentucky Museum, Siewers said.

"One of the great things about this project is nothing is going to have to be torn down, we're basically threading a needle through the city," Siewers said.

Stimpson said the path will be an asset to the campus.

Cars have ready and pedestrians have the main spine of campus, but there is no real

room for bike riders, he said.

The greenway would connect riders to parks and recreational facilities, tourist destinations and other services, Siewers said.

Jennifer Tougas, director of the parking and transportation department, is working with the Greenway Commission and the city of Bowling Green to secure a Federal Transit Administration grant to fund the project, said John Osborne, vice president of facilities management.

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Campus government

SGA plans anniversary party

BY KATIE BRANDENBURG
Herald reporter

Some 40-year-olds may celebrate four decades of living with a small get-together.

But it will take a campus-wide party for the Student Government Association to ring in its 40th anniversary.

Two bills devoting \$2,000 to SGA's 40th anniversary party passed unanimously at the group's meeting on Tuesday. The party will take place on April 3.

More than \$1,100 will be spent on food and drinks for those who attend. The rest of the money will be used to rent games, such as a dunking booth and inflatable games.

Campbellsville sophomore Jonathan Sprawles said the idea behind the event was to help students learn about student government and get

them involved.

"Just to get a couple (of students) would be worth the money," said Sprawles, who sponsored the bills.

Sprawles hopes other incentives, such as raffles for a free pass to the SGA 40th anniversary banquet for just SGA members, and a \$50 gift certificate to the University Bookstore will get students to come to the event.

"A lot of students don't know much about student government and I want them to know that we are there," he said.

The celebration will start at 6:30 p.m., with officer candidate debates beginning at 7:30. Chief of Staff Kara Ratliff said.

Candidates running for an executive office will answer questions, Ratliff said.

The event will take place on Downing University Center South Lawn and is open to all

students, she said. SGA members have been planning this event since the beginning of the year.

Elizabethtown freshman Johnathon Boles, an SGA senator, said the celebration will help students know SGA, is working for them.

"If they want their voices heard, they will stick around for the debate," Boles said.

In other business, a bill to purchase a digital camera for SGA use was passed.

A bill to take an official SGA photo was passed.

A bill to purchase 15,000 bookmarks with information about campus services printed on them passed. The bookmarks will be passed out at the University Bookstore with purchases next year.

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ALUMNUS: Movie shows he's the man

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Leslie is currently developing several movies as president of production for the Donners' Company in Beverly Hills.

Leslie co-wrote "She's the Man" with Karen McCollah Lutz and Kirsten Smith, the writers of "10 Things I Hate About You."

He has worked on films with celebrities such as Drew Barrymore, Vanessa Williams, Vivica A. Fox and Reese Witherspoon.

Amanda Bynes, star of the 2003 movie "What a Girl Wants," plays the lead role in the gender-bending "She's the Man" which is loosely based on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," Leslie said.

He said he realized the premise of imitating the opposite sex to achieve a goal had been done in the past, but thought it would be a great template for a modern movie.

"I like the idea of taking classics and updating them," Leslie said.

"It took me a while after graduating to get seriously into writing," Leslie said. He attributes some of his success to persistence, luck and Western's film culture and strong department of journalism.

"Taking journalism classes really teaches you how to use your words effectively," Leslie said. His studies in public relations helped him become more media savvy, he said.

Associate Journalism Professor Paula Quinn said Leslie was hilarious while he was a student at Western.

"You could tell even then that he was going to use his sense of humor in some way," Quinn said. She said Leslie was a good writer and reporter and always had interesting story ideas.

Quinn said success stories such as Leslie's give Western a national presence and help attain President Gary Ransdell's goal of developing a strong national reputation for Western.

"There's definitely a community of people here who enjoy film and want a career in the film industry," said Whitney Saffel, president of Western's film club. "It's good to see people making that happen."

"It's kind of like when you hear people talking about John Carpenter graduating from here. You think, 'Yeah, that's cool.'"

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HEALTHY: Booths stress importance of hygiene

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The tables set up were from Health Services and companies from around the community. Several booths had activities such as a stress test and a blood pressure test.

Liz Tunks, a junior from Jasper, Ind., visited the Crouch Chiropractic booth and participated in their stress test.

"I learned that I have a lot of stress in my neck and that it's not balanced," she said.

Campus services, such as the Counseling and Testing Center, Health Services and the Dental Hygiene Clinic, were also featured.

Russellville senior Maegan Summers, who works in the dental hygiene clinic, said the clinic wanted students to learn more about inexpensive services.

"We also want students to learn good oral health and oral hygiene techniques," Summers said.

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Christian Hansen/Herald

Owensboro graduate student Misty Lindsey tried to walk in a straight line yesterday. Lindsey was wearing special goggles designed to simulate extreme alcohol intoxication at the Western Health Fair held at the Preston Center. Western Explorer Tyler Clark led the participants as they swaggared down the sideline of the basketball court with a gait of simulated drunkenness.

RETIREMENT: Rates to decrease

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The 1998 law grants higher benefits to state retirees who have worked for at least 20 years.

The law allows a 2.2 percent retirement factor, which determines the monthly benefits amount for a retirement plan, from Feb. 1, 1999 to Jan. 1, 2009. That's up from the 2 percent available for employees who retired during the previous decade.

The law was updated in 2001. It does not apply to faculty members who belong to KTRS or ORP, said John Petersen, associate vice president of academic affairs and the provost's office.

State retirement plans, such as KERS, cover the costs of state employees retiring, Glisson said. Western makes financial contributions to the system for the money spent on Western retirees.

Hanes remembers the differ-

ent aspects of the issue when he helped legislators write the bill eight years ago.

He said the time limit on the law was enacted to help the bill pass. If there was no limit, legislators would have to account for increased rates being given to many more people, which would drive up the cost and make the bill harder to pass.

The increased rates helped many people, even though they were restricted to a 10-year window of opportunity, Hanes said.

There have not been as many retirements at Western during the last few years as there usually are, Glisson said.

The recent retirement decrease is probably because administrators hired many employees at once years ago, he said. Many of them retired at about the same time, leaving Western with a newer range of employees.

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What's your story?

Student finds enjoyment in beauty pageants

By SAMANTHA HUPMAN
Herald reporter

Most women will only agree the feel of a beauty pageant from watching them on television or from movies like "Miss Congeniality." But Scottsville sophomore Heather Buford is a little more familiar with them.

She knows the feeling of practicing joy-walk in high heels, and performing her talent, reciting monologues, in front of a room full of people.

"Ever since she was a really little girl, she loved beauty pageants," said Reba Buford, Heather Buford's mother. "She always watched them on TV."

Buford has been competing in beauty pageants since she was 14 years old. She competed in local pageants and went to

the 2003 Miss Teen America competition in Nashville.

"I've met so many people," Buford said. "I think it's a great experience for anybody."

The process of going through a beauty pageant is harder than it seems, she said. Buford has traveled to different pageants in Kentucky and invested a lot of money in them, she said. But she's never let the urge to win concern her too much.

"It's fun," Buford said. "You can't take it too seriously."

Buford said she hopes that her activity in pageants can help her with a career in entertainment. She aspires to move to Hollywood to pursue a career in acting, she said. She has sent photos to publicity agents in



Heather Buford

Nashville. Buford said her parents support her decision to pursue that career.

"If that's what she wants, I

hope she does it," Reba Buford said. "I want her to do something in life she wants to do."

Although Buford wants to go into the entertainment business,

she has backup career plans. She is a history major at Western, and would like to be a historian or a curator at a museum.

"I'm always interested in trying to figure out things from the past," she said.

Buford's focus on achieving her goals might cause her to sacrifice some things in her social life. She said she hasn't made as many friends at Western as some other students.

She said she doesn't like parties that much, and sometimes has difficulty meeting people. This may be because of a refusal to compromise her values.

"I stick to my guns," she said. "I stick to my morals."

Cassie Brown, a friend of

Buford's who has known her since kindergarten, said Buford is outspoken about her beliefs and opinions, but in a good way. Brown frequently talks to Buford about her problems.

"I know she'll tell me the truth about the situation," Brown said.

Brown and Buford sometimes go to the movies or shopping together, Brown said.

Buford also enjoys watching television and listening to music. One of her favorite groups is the Backstreet Boys.

"I'm a very proud fan," she said. "I don't care what anybody else says, they're great."

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Campus government

Retirement funds up for vote

By KATIE BRANDENBURG
Herald reporter

Members of the University Senate are trying to settle differences with administrators over retirement benefits.

At their meeting today, the senate will discuss and vote on a resolution that asks administrators to make up the difference when Western removes money from some faculty and staff retirement accounts to put into another retirement system.

The meeting is at 3:45 p.m. in Garrett Ballroom.

The resolution requests that Western provides money to keep the contribution to some employees' Optional Retirement Program accounts at 8.1 percent of their salary until the problem can be fixed through legislative or legal routes.

A portion of Western's contribution to the retirement accounts of employees who choose ORP instead of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System supports KTRS.

The resolution was written

before a March 2 faculty and staff forum on the issue, said senate vice chair John Ali.

Ali said the forum gives the resolution more credibility, especially since President Gary Randall mentioned a similar solution during the event.

"I think it's the best compromise," Ali said.

There won't be a reason for employees to pursue a lawsuit if Western administrators agree to the demands made in the resolution, Ali said.

Legislators in Frankfort will still have to consider retirement problems across the state in coming years, he said.

Human Resources Director Tony Glisson said administrators will probably agree to the resolution.

This would cost Western more than \$600,000 next year, he said.

Glisson said he was not optimistic that another solution would be reached soon.

A class action lawsuit would not be a productive idea because many states across the country take money out of ORP

accounts to support the state's official retirement fund, Glisson said.

He said the action will likely be considered legal because it is so common.

Three other resolutions will also come up for their first reading at today's meeting.

One resolution would set up a faculty ombudsman to help faculty resolve problems with administrators and co-workers, said associate music professor Mary Wolinski, chair of the faculty welfare and professional responsibility committee.

Another resolution would change guidelines for faculty who report grievances so they may report to someone other than their department head.

A third resolution would allow faculty to stop their "tenure clock" for one to two years when they choose to have a child or have to be a caregiver in other capacities.

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Column

Emotional eating packs on pounds



BLACK LINE MUSINGS

Lisa Ross

A few have already left the Hill for spring break, and for the rest of us it's just around the corner. Many who are headed to the beach have spent the last few weeks counting calories and maintaining vigorous workout schedules.

As "spring break training" comes to a close, I would like to bring something to light that could help everyone keep those extra pounds off year-round. It's a concept known as emotional eating.

Millions of Americans are affected by emotional eating, but most are unable to recognize it because the motive is subconscious. This type of eater uses food to fill an emotional need when love, comfort or entertainment are lacking. In its severest forms, the relationship between bad moods and emotional eating can become a vicious cycle leading to weight problems or eating disorders.

Imagine you're writing a paper for class and you finish it 45 minutes before your favorite television show airs. You decide to make yourself a snack while you're waiting. The question is, are you really hungry or are you eating because you're bored during your downtime?

Asking questions like this is the first step toward avoiding emotional eating. Knowing how to recognize the difference between true hunger and emotional cravings can help people

battle needless eating.

If you think you may be an emotional eater, try keeping a food diary for a week or two. I know it sounds lame, but it works. Write down what you eat, when you eat and what your mood is at the time. You'll be able to see eating patterns and become better equipped to avoid the bad ones.

Instead of turning to food for emotional fulfillment, try doing something else. Call a friend when you're feeling down. Make plans to go out and do something enjoyable. See a movie. Get a group together to play soccer or ultimate Frisbee. Anything that keeps your mind off eating gets the job done.

Emotional eating can't be cured by an over-the-counter drug or a doctor's prescription. It takes will power to stop emotional eating, and many people cannot quit cold turkey.

But just because you can't always control the urge to snack doesn't mean you're not in control of what you're eating. If you're prone to using ice cream, cookies and candy as comfort foods, don't keep them around. Replace those foods with fresh fruit and vegetables, or other low-calorie snacks.

I hope you've enjoyed "Lisa's Guide to Avoiding Emotional Eating" and can find a way to make use of it. Have a safe, happy and sun-filled spring break. Don't forget to check back for more musings in two weeks.

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RADIO: Show draws many ears

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"Our listeners appreciate how upbeat we are and that we play four to six times more music with no commercials," Lyle Smith said. "We try to do things differently and be better than other morning shows."

In January 2005, Lyle Smith pitched the idea of a morning show "on a whim" to station program director Kyle Moody and told him what starting a show would entail. Moody jumped at the idea.

"I knew it could finally be a morning show college students could get into and also appeal to the Bowling Green community," Moody said. "It's a beautiful distraction from your life for four hours every morning."

After the idea was developed, Lyle Smith held auditions for two spots, which were filled by Barclay and "Mellow Joe," who left the show two months ago and was replaced by Joel Smith. "I had specific tastes for the

humor and types of people I was looking for," Lyle Smith said. "I wanted people who were quick on the gun, not overbearing, funny, intelligent and modest."

In its infant year, the show has featured guests such as 311, Christian Finnegan, Carlos Mencia, Cowboy Mouth, Bill Burr, Jeff Dunham, Jim Gaffigan, Ted Alexandro and many local bands.

"Over half of the top 25 comedians of 2005 have been on our show just this year," Lyle Smith said. "Many of them continue to come back because they have so much fun hanging out and laughing."

The three on-air personalities have worked so well together that they hope to take their show coast-to-coast on commercial radio in the future and make careers of it.

"We want the show, in its entirety, to be broadcasted, podcasted and on the Internet for fans worldwide," Lyle Smith said. "This show has

taken precedence over everything else. I work at least 80 hours a week on it to the point of exhaustion every day."

Barclay has also come to know the stress of balancing the radio show, school, an outside job, a wife and bills all too well. But he said he wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

"I love the idea that I can make people laugh," Barclay said. "People find what I say interesting and funny—I get a kick out of that."

Until the day "The Morning After" goes global, Western students and Bowling Green residents can count on waking up to and being entertained by "Late Night" Lyle, "Lunchbox" and "Ugly" Joel until they sign off at 10 a.m. with their signature line: "Your radio is schizophrenic and we're the voices in its head."

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Arrests

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◆Heather R. Maffet, Elizabethtown, was arrested on March 11 on University Boulevard for disregarding a turning lane, driving under the influence and possession of an open alcohol container. Maffet was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆Beecher A. Hudson, Louisville, was arrested on March 12 for alcoholic intoxication in a public place at the Garrett Center. Hudson was released from Warren County jail the same day for time served.

◆Antwain L. Leavell, Louisville, was arrested on March 12 for public intoxication at Garrett. Leavell was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆Stephen D. Sloan, Goodlettsville, Tenn., was arrested on March 12 for careless driving, failure to use a turn signal and DUI on University Boulevard. Sloan was released from Warren County jail March 13 on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

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MOVE ON: Lady Tops to play Tech

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The Lady Toppers (24-6) were ready to hear their name announced to the NCAA's field of 64, but are instead in the bitter-sweet world of the WNIT.

Friday's game will mark the third consecutive appearance in the WNIT for Western, which hasn't seen an NCAA Tournament game since 2003.

"Of course, the WNIT is never really where you want to be," said senior guard Tiffany Porter-Talbert, who was a freshman on the 2003 squad. "But we're going to have to take it. A lot of people were shocked, so now we have something to prove."

Sophomore forward Charlotte Marshall shared a lot of the same feelings towards the WNIT.

"Basically, it's a chip on the shoulder. It's personal," Marshall said. "We're just going to take care of business. That it's frustrating."

Tennessee Tech (22-8) was a regular season co-champion of the Ohio Valley Conference, but lost 71-50 to Southeast Missouri in the OVC Tournament championship game on March 4.

They beat Belmont 56-55 last night to advance to tomorrow night's match-up with Western.

The Lady Toppers have already handled the Golden Eagles this season, an 81-69 win Dec. 15 in Middle Arena.

But familiarity might not be in the Lady Toppers' favor. Tomorrow night's meeting will be the fifth time in four years Western has played the Golden Eagles.

They have a 1-3 record during that span.

"They're a good basketball team, but I think we match up pretty well with them," Porter-Talbert said. "If we come out with defensive intensity, and play a full 40 minutes, we'll be fine."

The Lady Toppers suffered the same fate last year. They lost in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament to Middle Tennessee and were reduced to a WNIT bid.

A dejected Western squad stumbled to an 87-85 first-round loss against Xavier in Middle Arena on March 16.

Even though the Lady Toppers are still dealing with an NCAA-rejection hangover, Cowles said her team will be focused on playing well.

"We think about what we're made of and who we are, and pick ourselves right back up," she said. "We'll show everybody else, this is what we're made of, and this is what we're about."

Unlike the regular season, students will have to pay for admission to tomorrow night's game. Tickets will be \$6 for students and \$11 for chair-back seats.

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DESERVES: Lady Tops need to use anger

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writing on passing on the Lady Toppers.

Apparently not. The Lady Toppers and their fans need to remember that the season is not over yet. The WNIT is not what they hoped for or deserved, but the Lady Toppers need to use their anger and disappointment to fuel their post season play.

Western still has the chance to show itself on the national stage. If the Lady Toppers are able to advance far into the

WNIT, they could face BCS schools such as Villanova or South Carolina.

A win over a so-called superior BCS school would show the selection committee what it missed out on when it decided not to give the Lady Toppers a shot.

The WNIT also offers a chance to play at least two more home games, if the Lady Toppers continue to win.

If there was ever a time that the Lady Toppers needed their fans, it's now. I've heard a lot of people complaining about the

Lady Toppers not being chosen for the NCAA Tournament.

Monday night may not have lived up to Western's "Stand Up and Cheer" mentality, but the Lady Toppers deserve to be in the post season.

It's unfortunate the NCAA Tournament selection committee didn't recognize them.

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NIT: Winchester finished with 20 points

WINCHESTER FINISHED 12

Kinsley led all scorers with 21 points while senior forward Antonio Tibby added 16 points.

Winchester finished its final collegiate game with 20 points and 10 rebounds while senior

center Elgrace Wilborn finished with 13 points and nine rebounds.

South Carolina now awaits the winner of the Florida State and Butler match-up tomorrow.

The Toppers also wore black jerseys honoring the late Danny

Rumph. Rumph, who collapsed and died May 7, 2005, from cardiomyopathy, a heart condition, would have been a senior this season.

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IUPUI takes one of two

BY ABBEY SHULL
Herald reporter

Stepping on the field with a 1-11 record, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis proved that records can be deceiving.

The Jaguars were able to take one game from the Lady Toppers in the team's double-header Tuesday at Western's softball field.

Western took the first game 2-0, but fell to the Jaguars 3-2 in the second.

Having the hunger to win every game is something the Lady Toppers (15-12) need, coach Rachel Lawson said.

"You can never go out flat," Lawson said. "At this level anyone can beat you, and you have to win every game."

The Lady Toppers will be home again this Saturday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader with Lipscomb.

Dropping to a lower level of competition is something senior shortstop Bailey Rolfs said she hopes the team can avoid in the future.

"I want us to unleash our offense," Rolfs said. "The pitcher that we faced was not the best pitcher we have ever seen. If we take that kind of energy that we played with, which is none at all, then we're going to lose to good teams, and we can't do that."

The outing began on a positive note when freshman pitcher Jennifer Kempf picked up her fifth win of the season, shutting down the Jaguars 2-0.

Kempf has a career-high 14 strike outs, and has proven to be a clutch pitcher, getting out of a bases-loaded situation twice, Rolfs said.



Patrick Smith/Herald

Senior shortstop Bailey Rolfs (center) celebrates with teammates (far left) Kempf, (left) freshman third baseman Rebecca Horesky and (far right) Cronk, before taking the field for the fifth inning.

"I basically just tell myself to work on the batter and not worry about how many people are on base," Kempf said. "I calm myself down and do my job."

The Lady Toppers jumped out on top when Rolfs smothered sophomore first baseman Shelby Smith's single to center field.

Western jumped up another run in the bottom of the fourth when freshman second baseman Sam Cronk ripped a triple into the right field corner with two out. Sophomore designated player Kit Dabner scored from first base.

Kempf allowed three hits through seven innings from the circle, and Smith led the Lady Toppers at the plate with two hits.

The Jaguars nudged the Lady Toppers in the second contest of the day 3-2.

Rolfs slammed her sixth home run of the season, scoring Cronk to put the Lady Toppers up 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning.

IUPUI (2-12) responded quickly in the top of the fourth with two runs when sophomore third baseman Jenna Crockett singled to score freshman right fielder Cassie Harvey.

The Jaguars gained the lead and kept it in the top of the fifth when senior short stop Whitnie Darvell doubled off senior pitcher Ryan Rogge.

The Lady-Toppers will step away from this game and use it as a learning experience, Kempf said.

"The key is not to underestimate any team," Kempf said.

"We will work on getting mentally tough for the upcoming weekend."

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STEALS: Tops play at home this weekend

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fourth on the team in batting average (.395), fourth in slugging percentage (.512) and tied for third in hits (17).

On the field, Armstrong has a perfect 1,000 fielding percentage with no errors and 39 outs.

Freshman left fielder Brandon Embury said Armstrong is a leader in the outfield.

"With Cortez being a senior, he's actually pretty vocal out there," Embury said. "He really communicates with left field and right field and really helps us out with where we need to be at each different position."

Armstrong has shown his improvements on the field and at the plate in clutch situations this season.

Trailing 7-6 in the bottom of the eighth inning at home March 4 against Butler, Armstrong hit a bases-loaded triple to give the Toppers a 9-7 lead. He would score later in the inning to put Western up 10-7 en route to a 12-10 victory.

Three days later at Kentucky, Armstrong made a diving catch in center field with two outs in the

bottom of the ninth to seal a 7-6 victory. Finwood said that Armstrong's speed puts him in the back of pitchers' minds when he is on base.

"Having speed puts a lot of pressure on the pitchers," he said. "We don't have enough guys that can run right now, but when you get guys that can run on the field, then the pitcher just can't concentrate on pitching. They have to worry about the runner."

Off the field, Embury said Armstrong is fun to be around.

"He's a great guy," he said. "He's kind, caring. He loves the team, loves to be around everybody. He's just a good guy all around."

Finwood said Armstrong is a pleasure to coach on the field and a player he wishes he had as a freshman because Armstrong is a great person.

With only seven seniors on the Toppers' 34-man roster, Armstrong said he feels his role as a leader is to make sure players are doing what they are supposed to do.

"I would say I'm not an outspoken leader," he said. "But I'd say that I lead by actions. Coming out and working hard. I don't say much, but I just try and show people the right thing to do and work hard."

—Cortez Armstrong
Senior center fielder

Western plays Akron and Wisconsin-Milwaukee to Denes Field for a three-team weekend series.

The Toppers play Akron at 4 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. Western will play Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 6 p.m. Sunday to close the weekend.

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Sports brief

Men's golf to say "aloha" to Hawaii

The men's golf team is traveling to Princeville, Hawaii, to compete in the Kauai Collegiate Cup this Friday and Saturday.

Leading the Hilltoppers this season is senior Robby Shaw, with an average of 71.33 strokes over 15 rounds.

Shaw won the Kansas Men's Invitational last September with rounds of 69-68-69. Since then, he has had two top 10 finishes

along with one top 20 finish.

Golfchannel.com ranked Shaw 63rd out of 185 in a college list they released in November.

The Hilltoppers will play in three more tournaments after this weekend before the Sun Belt Tournament starts April 17 in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The women's golf team will travel to Calera, Ala., on Monday and Tuesday to compete in the Sanford Intercollegiate Tournament.

Juniior Megan Pendergraft leads the Lady Toppers this season with an average of 78 strokes over 10 rounds. She won the EKU Colonel Classic in September with rounds of 80-77-73.

The Lady Toppers will play one last tournament, the Eastern Kentucky University Spring Invitational, on April 7, before they travel with the men to the Sun Belt Tournament April 17.

—Will Perkins

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Notable

The Lady Toppers are playing in the Women's National Invitation Tournament for the third consecutive year. They fell to Xavier 87-85 in the first round at Duell Arena last year.

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Column

Western deserved better



SIDELINE SCRIBBLES
Beth Wilberding

The Lady Toppers were supposed to watch their names flash across ESPN Monday night.

With the second best record of all at-large bids selected to the NCAA Tournament and a NCAA Ratings Percentage Index in the Top 20, most thought the Lady Toppers were a clinch for the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

...the Lady Toppers must come together and fight to advance in the WNIT, though they deserved a better bid.

Instead of spending spring break vying for a trip to Houston for the Final Four, the Lady Toppers must come together and fight to advance in the WNIT, though they deserved a better bid.

NCAA selection committee chair Jon Comstock told reporters in a conference call Monday night that Western "really didn't impress the committee with the strength of schedule we were looking for."

Western did not deserve to be in. One of the reasons the RPI came into being, though, was to have computer-based evidence as to which team was deserving.

Athletic Director Wood Selig had a more graphic reaction to the Lady Toppers not being selected.

"I almost threw up," he told the Herald after the selection show Monday.

Many believe the selection committee was

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Western 55 South Carolina 74 NIT first round

Gamecocks end NIT hopes

By JASON STAMM
Herald reporter



South Carolina guard Tarence Kinsey leaped high to contest Western freshman forward Matt Maresca's shot in South Carolina's 74-55 win over Western in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament at Columbia, South Carolina. The loss eliminated Western from the tournament and ended their season.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Western knew it was short-handed even before the tip-off.

The Toppers' season ended with a 74-55 loss at South Carolina in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Sophomore guard Courtney Lee, a Sun Belt Conference first-team selection, sat out with a fractured hand he suffered in practice just before the conference tournament.

Reserve junior guard Butch Joiner also missed the game with a foot injury.

"We couldn't try to play with them, but (Butch) hadn't practiced in three days," coach Darrin Horn said. "He literally couldn't walk on his own until today. And we just felt like, with the way the game was going, we were better off doing what we did."

South Carolina (19-15) jumped out in front with a 6-0 run to take an 8-2 lead with 15:36 left in the first half. The Toppers responded with a 5-0 run, and came within one point of the Gamecocks on a lay-in from junior guard Joell Campbell.

That was as close as the Toppers (23-8) would get to South Carolina, as the Gamecocks took it 33-18 into half time.

Western also had trouble containing senior guard Tarence Kinsey, who collected 16 points, including four three-point shots in the opening half.

"We didn't handle the pressure well, and when you turn it over, it means you're not getting shots," Horn said. "When you're not getting shots, it's impossible to score. It's a pretty simple formula, and we just didn't handle it well."

The Toppers were able to gnaw at South Carolina's lead with a 10-5 run capped by junior guard Benson Callier's three-point shot, which cut the lead to 38-28 with 15:41 remaining in the second half.

The Gamecocks answered with a 7-0 run to push the lead to 45-28 with 12:57 to play, but Western was quick to answer.

A three-point shot from senior guard Anthony Winchester ended a 14-3 run to get the Toppers back to within 48-42 with 7:40 left.

South Carolina ended the game, however, with a 26-11 run as junior guard Tre Kelley was the last blow with a three-point shot with nine seconds left.

"We took care of the ball really well," coach Dave Odum said. "I think our team really showed its middle when it got down to 48-42. I knew we were quicker and faster, but I didn't know we were better."

The Gamecocks converted 23 Western turnovers into 35 points.

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Women's basketball

Lady Tops move on after let down

By JAKE MITCHELL
Herald reporter

Let the Lady Toppers mope from Monday's NCAA Tournament scoring.



Check out the Herald online after Friday night's game to see how the Lady Tops did.

The proverb from the selection committee's decision to leave out Western continues to echo. "I can't even begin to tell you how disappointed our basketball program is, and the frustrations of the last 48 hours," coach Mary Taylor Cowles said.

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Senior steals the spotlight

By DAVID HARTEN
Herald reporter



Nathan Webster/Herald

Senior center fielder Cortez Armstrong waits for batting practice at Dones Field on Tuesday afternoon. Armstrong, who has been playing baseball since age seven, said, "You have control in the outfield," playing his position.

Check the pitcher. Take your lead off the base. Wait for the pitch. Go.

That's the process of stealing a base.

For senior center fielder Cortez Armstrong, it's a process he repeats often.

"If I have the green light, I have a tendency to lean when I know I have to steal," Armstrong said. "I'll lean. And as soon as (the pitcher) goes to plant his foot, just take off."

Armstrong led the Toppers last season with 10 stolen bases.

This season, Armstrong is perfect in stolen base attempts, going 4-for-4. He is tied for the

team lead in stolen bases with junior catcher Jordan Newton.

The Nashville native came to the Hill after starting two years at Hiwassee Junior College in Madisonville, Tenn.

Coach Chris Finwood said he thought Armstrong's statistics were a little odd when he first got to Western as coach.

"He had a good on-base percentage and his batting average was 'pretty good,'" Finwood said. "But he had only a few stolen bases. He hadn't learned how to use his speed yet ... And that's one of the things I'm really proud of him for."

Armstrong leads the team in on-base percentage with a .519 average. He is also ranked

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